Waiting list for LPG connections in Punjab

1304. SHRI IQBAL SINGH Will the PRIME MINISTER to pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons on the waiting list for LPG connections for domestic use in Punjab as on the 30th June, 1996, district-wise;

(b) what is the present number of LPG connections in the State, city-wise and district-wise; and

(c) by when the waiting list is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The requisite information is given in the enclosed statement.

(c) New LPG connections are released in a phased manner through out the country including Punjab, depending upon the availability of LPG, new customer enrolment plan, waiting list, slack available with the distributors of the area and their viability.

Statement

Waiting List for LPG Connections in Punjab

District	Waiting list 30.6.1996	Customer population 30.6.1996
Ropar	41606	57753
Ludhiana	147399	223353
Sangrur	25538	42812
Patiala	61844	95239
Jalandhar	1142554	127223
Hoshiarpur	37513	55343
Firozpur	30131	44402
Bhatinda	52217	53567
Faridkot	38999	51137
Gurdaspur	57237	35504
Tathegarh Sahib	13895	11014
Kapurthala	29392	43327
Amritsar	60331	151488
Mansa	10235	7970
Moga	4599	9302
Nawanshahar	4101	12387
	729841	1071871

Water Testing Laboratories

1305. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission had decided to set up a Water Testing Laboratory in every district during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such laboratories set up all over the country so far;

(c) the district in Bihar where such laboratories have been set up;

(d) the total investment required to set up one such laboratory; and

(e) the time limit for completion of this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The statement is enclosed, (*See* below)

(c) The names of the districts where such laboratories have been set-up in Bihar are as under:—

1. Rohtas
2. Palamau
3. Giridih
4. Sahebganj
5. Singhbhumi

(d) The total investment required to set up one such laboratory is as under:

(1) Building Rs. 1.00 lakh

(2) Equipment etc, Rs. 3.00 lakh

(3) Recurring Cost is estimated at Rs. 3 lakh per annum.

(e) The target is to setup one laboratory in each district by 31.3.97. However, this will depend on the availability of existing facilities and specific proposals from the State Governments.